

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A snack food container comprising:
a side wall forming an upper opening;
a bottom wall connected to the side wall opposite the upper opening; and
a flange body extending downwardly from the bottom wall, the flange
body defining an inner surface and an outer surface, the inner
surface being configured for selective attachment to a beverage
container;
wherein the snack food container defines an internal storage region for
containing a snack food product.

2. The snack food container of claim 1, wherein the inner surface of the
flange body is sized in accordance with a top portion of an available beverage
container having a predetermined outer dimension.

3. The snack food container of claim 2, wherein the available beverage
container is cylindrical such that the predetermined outer dimension is a
diameter.

4. The snack food container of claim 3, wherein the inner surface is
substantially annular.

5. The snack food container of claim 3, wherein the inner surface includes a
receiving section for interfacing with a top portion of the beverage container, the
receiving section defining a diameter slightly greater than a diameter of the top
portion of the separate beverage container.

6. The snack food container of claim 5, wherein the receiving section
defines a diameter in the range of approximately 52-55 mm.

sub A2> 7. ~~The snack food container of claim 1, wherein the inner surface includes a first section adjacent the bottom wall and a second section extending from the first section, the first section being substantially vertical.~~

8. The snack food container of claim 7, wherein the second section expands outwardly from the first section for guiding the snack food container onto a beverage container.

9. The snack food container of claim 1, wherein the flange body further comprises:

at least one retention tab extending in a generally radial fashion from the inner surface, the at least one retention tab being axially spaced from the bottom wall.

10. The snack food container of claim 9, wherein the at least one retention tab is configured to selectively engage a separate beverage container.

11. The snack food container of claim 9, further comprising:
a plurality of retention tabs circumferentially spaced along the inner surface.

sub B2> 12. ~~The snack food container of claim 1, wherein the snack food container forms a slot extending from the side wall to the bottom wall such that an area below the bottom wall is accessible from an exterior of the side wall via the slot.~~

13. The snack food container of claim 12, wherein the slot is sized to allow passage of a straw.

14. The snack food container of claim 12, wherein the slot extends in an angular fashion from the bottom wall to the side wall.

15. The snack food container of claim 12, wherein the slot extends through the flange body.

16. The snack food container of claim 1, wherein the side wall, the bottom wall and the flange body are integrally formed.

17. The snack food container of claim 1, further comprising:
a protective film secured across the upper opening.

18. The snack food container of claim 1, further comprising:
a straw associated with the side wall.

19. A packaged good article comprising:
a snack food container comprising:
a side wall forming an upper opening,
a bottom wall connected to the side wall opposite the upper opening,
a flange body extending downwardly from the bottom wall, the flange body defining an inner surface and an outer surface, the inner surface being substantially configured for selective attachment to a separate beverage container, wherein the snack food container defines an internal storage region; and
a snack food product contained within the internal storage region.

20. The packaged good article of claim 19, wherein the inner surface of the flange body is sized in accordance with a top portion of an available beverage container having a predetermined outer dimension.

21. The packaged good article of claim 20, wherein the available beverage container is cylindrical such that the predetermined outer dimension is a diameter.

22. The packaged good article of claim 21, wherein the inner surface is substantially annular.

23. The packaged good article of claim 19, wherein the inner surface includes a receiving section for interfacing with a top portion of the beverage container, the receiving section defining a diameter slightly greater than a diameter of the top portion of a separate beverage container.

24. The packaged good article of claim 23, wherein the receiving section defines a diameter in the range of approximately 52-55 mm.

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25. ~~The packaged good article of claim 19, wherein the inner surface includes a first section, adjacent the bottom wall and a second section extending from the first section, the first section being substantially vertical.~~

26. The packaged good article of claim 24, wherein the second section expands outwardly from the first section for guiding the snack food container onto a beverage container.

27. The packaged good article of claim 19, wherein the flange body further comprises:

at least one retention tab extending in a generally radial fashion from the inner surface, the at least one retention tab being axially spaced from the bottom wall.

28. The packaged good article of claim 27, wherein the at least one retention tab is configured to selectively engage the separate beverage container.

29. The packaged good article of claim 27, further comprising:
a plurality of retention tabs circumferentially spaced along the inner surface.

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30. ~~The packaged good article of claim 19, wherein the snack food container forms a slot extending from the side wall to the bottom wall such that an area below the bottom wall is accessible from an exterior of the side wall via the slot.~~

31. The packaged good article of claim 30, wherein the slot is sized to allow passage of a straw.

32. The packaged good article of claim 30, wherein the slot extends in an angular fashion from the bottom wall to the side wall.

33. The packaged good article of claim 30, wherein the slot extends through the flange body.

34. The packaged good article of claim 19, wherein the side wall, the bottom wall and the flange body are integrally formed.

35. The packaged good article of claim 19, further comprising:
a protective film secured across the upper opening.

36. ~~The packaged good article of claim 19, further comprising:
a straw associated with the side wall.~~

37. The packaged good article of claim 19, wherein the snack food product includes a plurality of dried food items.

38. ~~A snack food container comprising:
a side wall forming an upper opening;
a bottom wall connected to the side wall opposite the upper opening;
a flange body extending downwardly from the bottom wall; and
retaining means associated with the flange body for selectively attaching
the snack food container to a separate beverage container;
wherein the side wall, the bottom wall, the flange body and the retaining
means are integrally formed.~~

39. The snack food container of claim 38, wherein the retaining means includes an substantially annular surface formed by the flange body, the

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substantially annular surface having a diameter approximating a diameter of an available cylindrical beverage container.

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40. ~~The snack food container of claim 38, further comprising:
a slot extending from the side wall to the bottom wall for providing
access to an area below the bottom wall from an exterior of the
side wall.~~

41. The snack food container of claim 40, wherein the slot extends through the flange body.

42. The snack food container of claim 38, further comprising:
a protective film sealed across the upper opening.

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